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COAL, IRON, AND STEEL
QUOTAS SURPASSED

COAL PRODUCTION UP THREE PERCENT -- Scanteia, No 1299, 11 Dec 48

The Minister of Mines and Petroleum announces that the production of coal for November was 3 percent above the quota, representing an actual increase of 11.3 percent over that of October. The best records were established by the miners of Baia Noua who surpassed their quota by 31 percent; the miners of Bigar, 21 percent; the miners of Lupac, 14 percent; the miners of Comanesti, 11 percent; and the miners of Sorecani, 8 percent. The Soviet-Rumanian Group was 2 percent above its quota. Production of the Petrosani mines of Valea Jihului was 3.5 percent over the quota due to the use of materials and tools imported from the USSR and the introduction of Soviet methods of work.

The production of the Gold and Silver Administration was up 15 percent and that of the mines belonging to the Administration of Ferrous Metals was also above planned production.

SCHITU-GOLESTI COAL BASIN -- Scanteia, No 1303, 16 Dec 48

The Schitu-Golesti mines (Muscel Judet) have attained their production quota ahead of schedule. At the same time, the preliminary work for more extensive mining of the region has greatly surpassed its norm.

HEAVY INDUSTRY PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1296, 8 Dec 48

The foundries of the "Twenty-Third of August" Metallurgical Plant have shown a surplus of 8 percent in production of steel, 22 percent in production of cast iron, and 49 percent in production of non-ferrous metals over the quotas for November. A surplus of 12.5 percent was recorded for all foundries.

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At the "Republica" Tube Plant the November production quota was surpassed by 24 percent. The rejects for November were reduced to 2.2 percent, as opposed to 2.3 percent for October.

GHEKLAR IRON MINES -- Scanteia, No 1204, 17 Dec 48

Production for the first 10 days of December was 19 percent above the quota. This surplus was achieved by a new system of organization and was attained despite a partial failure of electricity.

PRODUCTION BANNER AWARDED TO HUNEDOARA -- Scanteia, No 1303, 16 Dec 48

The Administration of Ferrous Industry has awarded the November production banner to the workers of the Hunedoara Metallurgical Plant's steel foundry. This section surpassed its quota by 49.57 percent and reduced unexcused absenteeism to .02 percent.

CERAMICS AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL -- Scanteia, No 1299, 11 Dec 48

During November, the production program of the Section of Ceramics and Building Materials showed a surplus. The planned production of cement was surpassed by 18 percent; blown glass, 50 percent; lime, 52 percent; gypsum, 1 percent; porcelain, 50 percent; bricks, 150 percent; tile, 47 percent.

REFRACTORY MATERIAL PLANT -- Scanteia, No 1292, 3 Dec 48

Construction of the buildings of the refractory material plant in Turda has been completed, and work has been started on the first of two furnaces. The only plant of this type in operation at present is the small installation of the "Resita" Metallurgical Plant, which is too small to meet Rumanian industrial requirements. Upon completion, the Turda plant will produce thousands of tons of silica bricks annually, and obviate the necessity of importing this material.

CEMENT INDUSTRY KICKED GOAL -- Scanteia, No 1295, 7 Dec 48

The production goal for 1948 in the cement industry had been surpassed by 15 percent at the end of November, according to a report of the Ministry of Industry.

INCREASED GRAPHITE PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1308, 22 Dec 48

At Baia de Fier (Gorj Judet), the production of graphite for the period from 1 October to 6 November 1948 was greater than for an entire year when the mine was privately owned. Since nationalization, the mine has been under the quarries section of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. The previous, primitive methods of mining have been replaced by modern, mechanical means, and open-pit mining has been abandoned in favor of shaft mining. This mine is the only graphite mine in Rumania. The graphite contains up to 70 percent carbon.

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